
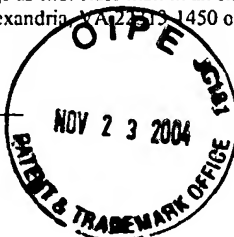


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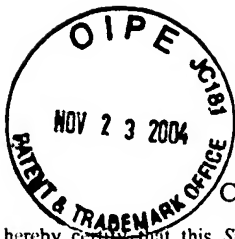
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**I. Preliminary Statement**

Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information, of which they are aware that they believe may be material to the examination of this application, and in respect of which, there may be a duty to disclose.

The filing of this information disclosure statement shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made (37 C.F.R. §1.97(g)), an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability (37 C.F.R. §1.97(h)), or that no other material information exists.

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**II. Identification of Time of Filing the Accompanying Information Disclosure Statement**



The information disclosure statement submitted herewith is being filed within three months of the filing date of the application or date of entry into the national stage of an international application or before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, whichever event occurs last. 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b). As such it is believed that there is no fee due.

- ☐ The information disclosure statement submitted herewith is being filed *after* three months of the filing date of this national application or the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in §1.491 in an international application or after the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, whichever event occurred last but *before* the mailing date of either a final action under §1.113 or a notice of allowance under §1.311, whichever occurs first.
- ☐ The information disclosure statement transmitted herewith is being filed *after* a final action under §1.113, or a notice of allowance under §1.311, whichever occurs first, but before or simultaneously with, the payment of the issue fee.

### **III. Non-English References**

- ☐ Submitted herewith is an English translation of the following foreign language patents, publications or information or of those portions of those patents, publications or information considered to be material: \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ No English translations of the foreign language patents, publications or information or parts thereof are readily available, except for those listed above.
- ☐ The following foreign language documents submitted are believed to be the equivalent or substantial equivalent of the English language documents identified below, which are also submitted herewith.
- ☐ Concise Explanation of Non-English Language Listed Information Items. (Attached)

### **IV. CERTIFICATE**

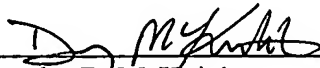
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- ☐ This information disclosure statement is submitted as a courtesy copy for the Examiner and includes the references from the previously submitted Form 1449s from the parent case of which this is a continuation application.

**V. Fee**

- ☐ Petition fee due (§1.17(p)): \$180.00
- ☐ Attached is a check in the amount of \$180.00.
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